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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

**ENTERED**

May 18, 2023

May 16, 2013

Nathan Ostrander, Clerk

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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VS.

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**CRIMINAL NO. 4:23-cr-218  
UNDER SEAL**

**(1) HARDIK JAYANTILAL PATEL,**

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**aka Erik,  
aka Mitesh,  
aka Nick,  
aka Dev,**

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**(2) DHIRENKUMAR VISHNUBHAI PATEL,**

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## Defendants.

## **ORDER ON UNITED STATES'S MOTION TO SEAL INDICTMENT**

Pending before the Court is the United States Motion to Seal the Indictment. The Court hereby GRANTS the Motion to Seal the Indictment.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Indictment, the Government's Motion To Seal Indictment, and the Order Sealing Indictment all be sealed together.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Indictment, Motion, and Order will automatically be unsealed as to a particular defendant when the defendant is taken into custody or shows for an initial appearance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States may nonetheless produce these documents to any defendant and his counsel, and to any state, local, federal, and foreign law enforcement agency assisting with, or working on this matter and related matters, to comply with its discovery obligations, continue investigation of other potential charges in this matter, and for the apprehension and extradition of any defendant.

Signed on May 17th, 2023 in Houston, Texas.

Christine A. Boyce  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE